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Portsmouth, Ohio

## Key issues remain in SEA contract

Contract due to expire Aug. 31

By Alice Kimbler  
QA Editor

In an attempt to settle contract differences before an Aug. 31 expiration date, SSU and the Shawnee Education Association are requesting a mediator from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services, said Dr. Catherine Roberts, assistant to the president and a member of the SSU management negotiating team.

"I have no idea of a date for a contract settlement," Roberts said, "but we'll get a contract as soon as we can. Basically, we will have to proceed on (Dr. Ed) Miner's timetable."

Although Roberts said no terms for wages or benefits have been presented, Miner, SEA president, said they are ready. "SEA will submit complete language on the salary system and fringe benefits on Aug. 11, and SSU will also," Miner said. "I am not optimistic that the contract will be wrapped up by Aug. 31, because there are a large number of key issues left to be decided."

Miner said some articles on the table that are major are workload and retrenchment (layoffs), which are under discussion. "We're having trouble defining the academic unit within retrenchment that will take place. Workload is a stumbling block. SEA wants it to be equivalent with other Ohio state universities."

Another stumbling block is who should be included in the bargaining unit, Miner said. "We're trying to include chairpersons and program directors because they have teaching assignments, but SSU doesn't want them in the bargaining unit because they (chairpersons and program directors) are administrators."

There is some terms not agreed on, Miner said. "This deals with interim negotiation that we're having difficulties agreeing on language."

SEA is in the process of filing an unfair labor charge, Miner said. "SSU does not want to bargain fair share. They have reneged."

Miner said fair share means a union shop. Any faculty member coming in has to belong to the association. "They don't have to pay any political part of the dues, but the Ohio collective bargaining act allows for fair share and has an appeal process set up whereby someone who doesn't want to pay the political part can petition not to have those dues taken out and the State Employment Relations Board will make a ruling."

Miner said SEA had an election on Feb. 1 and agreed not to institute fair share even though the contract called for instituting fair share within 30 days.

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-- Dr. Catherine Roberts

**'We did it!'**

Bob Dever (at podium in photo at right), chairman of "Crossing the Threshold, the Campaign for SSU," said the campaign raised more than double the goal, with more than \$3.8 million pledged to benefit special projects at SSU. Susan Warsaw (left in photo), SSU development director, posts the latest campaign total.

Donations are still being accepted in the continuing campaign.

See related stories on page 7.

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## Academic excellence scholarships announced

SSU academic excellence scholarship recipients for 1990 have been announced.

The top two seniors from each high school in Pike, Lawrence,

and Scioto counties were eligible to receive the award which covers tuition and general fees and is partially funded by the Marie and Bess Pixley Fund of the Scioto County Area Foundation.

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## Editorial

# SSU shows good side with fair display

## Admission office takes show on the road

Taking SSU's recruiting efforts to the Scioto County Fair should prove to be a good move. Although the fair is history, SSU's recruiters should continue to use the display to convince students to attend school here.

The display embodies the spirit of education at SSU as, like many other SSU educational projects, it was a joint effort of the administration, faculty, students and outside professionals.

The brainchild of assistant director of admission Barbara Bradbury, the design was by associate professor Tom Stead. Students Lou Gillenwater, Sandy Gillenwater and Karen Lambert, and Stead's daughter Chandra worked on the display. Professional lettering was done by Challenge Sign Company.

Dr. A.L. Addington, provost, said he believed he never saw a better booth. It does look good. More important is that the booth be used to carry out SSU's educational mission of cooperation between its staff,

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faculty and students.

SSU also has a new recruiting video, poster and promotional hand-outs used at the fair. Booth visitors were urged to sign up for additional information about attending Ohio's newest university.

The admission office should continue to use the booth at fairs and other shows to entice students to attend the best school available, SSU on the beautiful Ohio River in Portsmouth, Ohio.

■ *SSU's recruiters should continue to use the display to convince students to attend school here.*



Creators of SSU's county fair display booth pose proudly in their finished product. Shown are (left to right) student Lou Gillenwater, assistant director of admission Barbara Bradbury, student Karen Lambert and art department chairman Tom Stead. The display was used at the Scioto County Fair at Lucasville Aug. 6 through Aug. 11.

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# The Open Air welcomes your Letter to The Editor



# Strange happenings mark area events

Local activities not always on the up and up

By Mike Zempter  
OA Staff Writer

One out of seven American dollars circulates illegally, in the "underground economy." And from the look of the criminal activities published every day in the local paper, one out of every seven local activities also takes place beyond the legal pale.

Odd, how all the small-time criminals feel so free to kick up their heels in the shadow of the state pen at Lucasville.

And speaking of Lucasville, Richard Speck, whose murder of eight nurses in 1965 was arguably the beginning of the modern era of mass murderers, occupies a few cubic feet there. The isolation of the Ville reflects the ancient problem between the races, and *Look* magazine last year used a house 100 yards from the Ramada to represent poverty in America today.

We seem to sit in an historical vortex, however quietly. The temperature swing between winter and summer here is 40 degrees more extreme than that of Death Valley. The greatest wave of UFO sightings in history occurred over the Southern Ohio woodlands in the autumn of 1973.

SSU's own faculty building at 1004 Second Street has long been believed to be haunted. Around the turn of the century, Edison Laboratories cordoned off the house for four days under armed guard, with heavy machinery brought in under tarpaulin to perform an unknown task within. One of the elderly women who died there was a main beneficiary of President Lincoln's will, though the reason remains a mystery, perhaps a state secret.

The house on Front Street with two stone lions flanking the porch keeps something strange inside. This writer was there a few weeks ago, and felt the presence of something that seemed evil on the attic stairs, with an unknown dread surging through my body, driving me back to the

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-- Mike Zempter

## Portsmouth's 175th Birthday Celebration

light, and human company.

The General Electric jet engine test facility near Peebles is so highly secretive that it is not on the topographic maps of this area. The woods are filled with sound sensors, and

you trespass there under the promise of federal pursuit. The men who respond to noises in

those woods wear masks over their heads.

The quarry at McDermott has long been thought to contain multiple human remains, many with chains on them, as the Lucasville Bottoms offer up small souls to the modern cult of the dead here. The "32 Hole" is a particu-

larly forbidding place.

What can you say, other than to call it "Home," and keep walking? It's a place of good and bad, like all others. Even the Holy Sepulchre holds a murdered man. Someday, something astounding will happen here, and we shall be the witnesses.

In a book called *The Man Who Fell To Earth*, the first Martian secretly walks among us and makes one good friend. They get drunk together. The friend has felt the alien in him, and asks "Are you from Mars?"

Drunkenly, the Martian answers

"Of course I am." Then he asks his companion "Where are you from?" and the companion says "Portsmouth, Ohio."

The happy ones among us expect the best, and try to help "the lesser brethren," or at least to escape them. In the end, we get called up for judgment the same as New York, or Beirut. We ask for strength as we go out from here to do the work of The Eternal. Whoever we are, they will remember are you from?" and the companion says "Portsmouth, Ohio."

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## Portsmouth celebrates

### From steam to solar-powered railroads

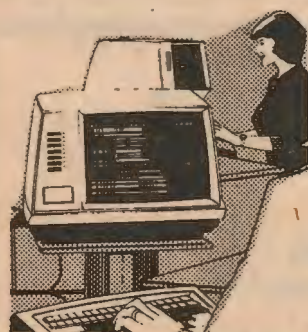
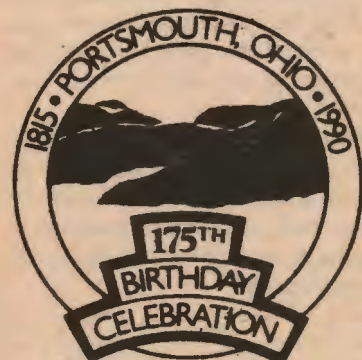
A Norfolk Southern exhibit car will be in Portsmouth Aug. 23 for Portsmouth's 175th Birthday Celebration.

Called a showcase of modern transportation technology by the Norfolk Southern Corporation of Norfolk, Va., the car is a rolling museum that has been viewed by more than a third of a million people in 300 cities since 1971.

The car will be on the Norfolk Southern siding on Chillicothe Street near the Bob Evans Restaurant.

The exhibit will open at 10 a.m. and will be manned by the Portsmouth branch of the National Railway Historical Society until 4 p.m.

Popular exhibits are a solar-powered model railroad and a computer display. Videos and static models depicting Norfolk Southern's rail network are included in the exhibit.





# First 'Bear Hug' award recipient announced by student senate

Dr. Mark Mirabello, assistant professor of history, was the recipient of the first "Bear Hug" award given by the student senate.

The surprised Mirabello was presented a plaque, designed and made for the student senate by Pat Carson, SSU publications coordinator, at the July 30 board of trustees meeting.

According to Nancy Adkins-Robbins, interim senate president, the "Bear Hug" will be given periodically to a faculty or staff member, administrator or student who has given extra service to students.

To receive this honor the recipient must be nominated by a student or students. The nomination should explain why their nominee is deserving of this award. "Dr. Mirabello's nomination contained over 100 signatures," Adkins-Robbins said.

The nomination said the following: "Dr. Mirabello has consistently advised, guided, and fully supported students in their quest for academic achievement. He is never too busy to assist students. He has been asked to write numerous letters of recommendation, which he has gladly done. He has the ability, as an instructor, to make the dull material interesting.

Dr. Mirabello represents an academic ideal that inspires students to strive towards analytic thinking and self-actualization. He has displayed his commitment to the future of Shawnee State University by establishing an Honors Program for deserving students. We believe he is deserving of this honor and should be recognized for his efforts."

A committee led by student senate members made the final selection of Mirabello from all the nominees, according to Adkins-Robbins.

"This award from the students is especially significant because SSU has the best students. I will remember this honor forever," Mirabello said.

Mirabello came to SSU in September 1987 after serving as a faculty member in the honors program at the University of Toledo. His degrees include a doctorate from The University of Glasgow in Scotland and a master's degree from the University of Virginia.

He has instituted many new history courses at SSU including the history of medicine and intellectual history. He teaches both Western Civilization and Civilization and Literature classes.



Dr. Mark Mirabello, assistant professor of history (right), receives the first "Bear Hug" award from Nancy Adkins-Robbins, interim senate president. The award will be given periodically to a faculty or staff member, administrator or student.

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## 175th birthday booklet produced

A commemorative booklet of Portsmouth's 175th Birthday Celebration is on sale at local merchants and at birthday headquarters.



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Tess Midkiff, director of library and media services who is chairman of the birthday celebration revenue division, said the book-

let costs \$6 for the paperback version and \$37.50 for the hardback version.

Pete Warren, editor of the booklet, said readers will be intrigued with the contents of the book which include a history of Portsmouth, exploration of the days of the pioneers, and reflections on the past, present and future of the area.

Warren said preparation began in March for the booklet with Greg Bauer, part-time art instructor, serving as a consultant.

Portsmouth's-175th Birthday Celebration, begins on Aug. 20 and runs through Sept. 3.

For information on the booklet or the celebration, call 355-2511.

## Campus Capsules

### Scholarship available

A \$1,000 scholarship for the 1990-91 academic year has been donated by New Center Associates, a group dedicated to providing scholarship grants to meritorious individuals pursuing a post-secondary education in Ohio.

To be eligible for the award, students must have a junior or senior class standing, be attending SSU full-time, have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0, and exhibit strong financial need.

According to the New Center Associates, to be eligible, students must be in such a position that the grant for tuition, fees and expense payments is essential to the continuation of the student's education.

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## Oak tree commemorates summer foreign visitors

Tree planted in Celeron Square for Mexican and Taiwanese students

By Alice Kimbler  
OA Editor

"Together we celebrate in the knowledge that 'We are all one people.'"

-- The staff of continuing education.

An oak tree was planted at Celeron Square on Aug. 5 in commemoration of Taiwanese and Mexican students participation in SSU's summer program of intensive English and American culture.

Students helped to shovel soil around the tree and tied their nametags on the branches. Lisa Chou found her nametag on a tree that was planted last year when she was here.

Dr. A.L. Addington, provost, spoke to students and host families about building cultural ties and lasting friendships among our three countries as he dedicated the tree to the visiting students.

Virginia Ramey, director of special programs, gave recognition to the instructors and host families who made the summer program work.

In the ceremony, students were honored for completion of the summer program and were presented certificates by

Debbie Weber, assistant English instructor, Barbara Bradbury, instructor of "Chats with Americans," and Dr. Clive Veri, SSU president.

The students had a treat for the audience. They sang "Thank you for the Kindness," "We Belong," "Simple Gifts" and finished with a lively rendition of "Rocky Top," all under the direction of Wendy Ludovici, an SSU performing arts instructor.

"We are richer today from the cultural exchange we have experienced by crossing paths with our friends from Taiwan and Mexico. Together we celebrate in the knowledge that 'We are all one people.'" The staff of continuing education made this their theme. Buttons with the logo "We are all one people" were worn by host families and instructors.

Veri said when young people travel half way around the world and experience a new culture, their lives change, and those who host them or are here to receive them in their visit, undergo changes in their lives, also.

"Our lives changed for the better, and we hope that theirs did also," he said.



Dr. A.L. Addington, provost, helps plant an oak tree at Celeron Square Aug. 5 in commemoration of Taiwanese and Mexican summer students. He spoke of building cultural ties and lasting friendships among the three countries.

Photo by Alice Kimbler, OA Editor

## Students see best of America

"Foreign students who visit here experience the best that America has to offer," said Virginia Ramey, director of special programs. "They visit the heartland of America here in southern Ohio. They are welcomed to our beautiful campus by outstanding faculty members and friendly host families."

Ramey said these things combine to make an exciting experience for the visiting students, and to augment that, they took a five-day tour to Washington, D.C. and New York City. Students got to enjoy the atmosphere of a small town setting here, plus they got to experience the big time city, too, Ramey said.

Ramey said they had a wonderful trip. "Some of the most exciting things we saw in Washington D.C. were the White House, the Capitol Building and the Smithsonian Institute."

Some of the highlights of New York City, she said, were the Statue of Liberty, Chinatown, Little Italy, the United Na-

tions, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Macy's and the Empire State Building. They also went to a Broadway play, and took a night ferry ride to see the New York City skyline.

Rebecca Yen, a Taiwanese student, reacted by saying, "It was an unforgettable experience to visit the White House."

She said she liked the food in Chinatown in Washington D.C. and in New York City. "It tasted like the food at home, especially in New York City."

"New York City is similar to Taipei. It had many buildings, people working and very noisy. It is quite different from Portsmouth."

Lisa Chou said, "I liked the South Seaport close to the Statue of Liberty. We took the ferry at night and passed by the Statue of Liberty with all the lights. It was beautiful."

"The next day we went to the Statue of Liberty. It made you think about your home town. Sometimes you couldn't believe you were in New York."



Joe Chen, a summer student, helps to shovel soil around a tree planted at Celeron Square on Aug. 5 in commemoration of Taiwanese and Mexican students participation in SSU's summer program of intensive English and American culture.

Photo by Alice Kimbler, OA Editor

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Board of trustees takes another step toward university status

## SSU academic schools reorganized into colleges

Four colleges within SSU have been approved by the board of trustees.

The new College of Arts and Sciences will include the divisions of arts and humanities, natural sciences and mathematics, social sciences, and the center for integrated studies.

The other three colleges will be the College of Health Sciences, the College of Business and the College of Engineering Technologies.

Verna K. Riffe assumed the position of chairman of the board of trustees at the July 30 meeting. The board honored retiring chairman William Reinhardt.

Reinhardt thanked the university community for the help he had received. "I know that someday this university in this city is going to be as great as any you can name,"

Reinhardt said.

Dr. Clive C. Veri, SSU president, presented Reinhardt with an official SSU captain's chair with the SSU seal.

Veri also presented a similar chair to retiring student trustee Joyce Odle, whose term ended June 30.

Veri said the program statement for the physical education addition, an \$1.8 million project connecting the James A. Rhodes Athletic Center with the activities center, has been approved by the Ohio board of regents and that the fine and performing arts center's program statement is under review.

In other action, the board:

- Hired Marlene Domo as assistant professor in the Center for Research and Development in Teaching and Learning; hired

Dr. Danny Evans as assistant vice president for academic affairs; hired John Valentine as associate professor; hired John T. Wittenmyer as coordinator of the SOCF programs; hired Lloyd A. Kotcamp as maintenance supervisor.

■ Accepted the resignation of Yousef Akbary, assistant professor of electrical engineering technologies; Dr. James Biddle, director of CRADTAL; and Nasser Rashidi, associate professor of electrical engineering technologies.

■ Approved the computer aided design engineering and associate of applied business in legal assisting programs.

■ Approved a policy on credit for non-

■ *'I know that someday this university in this city is going to be as great as any you can name.'*

-- William Reinhardt.

university courses and courses by arrangement and approval of existing academic programs.

■ Approved a National Science Foundation Grant proposal by Dr. Scott Oliver, professor of biological sciences.

Dr. A.L. Addington, provost, said SSU has received a \$67,000 grant to establish a post-secondary education laboratory dealing with students in academic difficulty.

## Scholarship to honor teacher

A committee has been formed to establish a scholarship to honor a teacher who was killed at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility.

Beverly Shoemaker Taylor, an SOCF teacher, was allegedly murdered by an inmate while in a restroom in an instructional area at SOCF June 7.

"We feel there are enough people out there who feel strongly enough about Beverly to make this memorial a reality," said Gerri Nourse, a member of the scholarship committee.

Taylor's cousin said a scholarship in education is an appropriate way to recog-

nize her. "We wanted some kind of memorial to go on forever that people would remember Beverly by," Cindy Downey said.

Taylor taught elementary education in SOCF's learning center for six years. She was a graduate of Portsmouth High School and Ohio University. She had been a substitute teacher in the Portsmouth City School System and was a member of the Ohio Education Association.

The committee is seeking \$10,000 for the scholarship. Committee members are Paul Fowler, Jeanne Kelly Sheets, Edith Biggs, Everette E. Parker, Aninita Barbour, Nourse, Downey, T.L. Morris, Phyllis Shoemaker and Evan Fisher.

To contribute to the scholarship, contact any member of the committee or call the development office at 355-2284.

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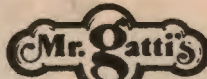
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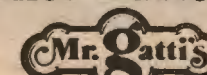
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## 'We did it!' Capital campaign doubles goal

**\$3.8 million pledged to SSU improvements**

By Alice Kimbler  
QA Editor

The special nametag said, "We did it!" The sign said, "We did it!" "We did it!" -- That means everyone who is here and everyone who could not be here tonight but had leadership roles in this campaign," said Dr. Clive C. Veri, SSU president.

SSU wrapped up "Crossing the Threshold," SSU's capital campaign, with a total of \$3.8 million. The amount pledged nearly doubled the \$2 million goal set at the kickoff on Nov. 1, 1989.

Robert E. Dever, chairman of the campaign, made the announcement at a wrap-up party held on campus July 26. "It is time

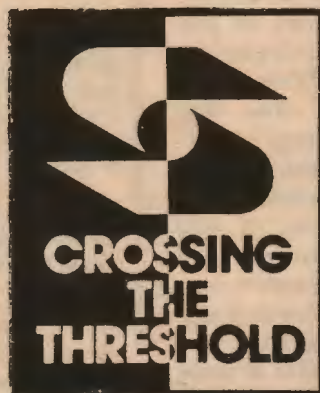
that we should congratulate ourselves," Dever said.

Dever said, "Even though I said I thought we'd reach our goal, I really didn't believe it. And I really didn't believe it until Dr. Veri came on the scene at which time I could see he was going to be a very merchandizing little thing, and you did merchandise him. I think if anybody deserves the credit for taking this to the top, it's Dr. Clive Veri."

Dever said the early response by SSU's faculty, staff and board of trustees was the key to "Crossing the Threshold's" overall success. The SSU community went all out to partici-

pate, he said.

Dever said investing in SSU must be an on-going process. An annual fund is vital to



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-- Robert E. Dever

the growth and continued support of SSU's goals.

"We did reach our goals but it isn't over," Dever said. "From my standpoint this is the best thing that has happened to this community in my lifetime."

Tom Reynolds, president of SSU's development foundation, praised the work of Dever, director of development Susan Warsaw, all campaign workers and the many outside constituents.

"I feel we were blessed with workers who not only committed, but who also cared," Reynolds said.

The funds from the campaign will be set

aside for endowment and capital funds.

The endowment income will provide financial aid for students, endowed faculty chairs and professorships, and resources for faculty development.

The capital funds will provide academic resources and equipment not available otherwise such as science and laboratory equipment, library and media services and computers.

Areas earmarked for gifts include equipment for the James A. Rhodes Sports Center, a greenhouse, scholarships, individual academic programs, the Southern Ohio Light Opera, the library-media services building, a training room and a new lecture series.

## President Veri pays tribute to 'Crossing' campaign workers

By Alice Kimbler  
QA Editor

Dr. Clive C. Veri, SSU president, paid tribute to SSU, Susan Warsaw, Bill Trigg, Bob Dever, Tom Reynolds and everyone who had a part in "Crossing the Threshold, the Campaign for SSU."



Veri

"Thank you most sincerely for the wonderful efforts you've put into this campaign," Veri said, "and thank you for being a friend of SSU."

"That's what made this campaign, ladies and gentlemen, and for that, you have my undying thanks. You have the undying thanks of not only the faculty, staff and students who are now here at SSU, but those who will be here many, many years in the future."

Veri said, "Each worker (in the campaign) had a real tribute for SSU ... as a kind of

■ *'We are simply going to get larger; we're going to get more important ...'*

-- Dr. Clive C. Veri

tribute at a 36 percent increase in the freshmen enrollment this year has brought to us, and that's the kind of growth that you will see, I pray, at SSU in many years to come."

Veri said that by 1999 SSU should be an institution of 6,000 students. "Which means we will be more

and more a very important force -- not only in terms of economic development for this area, but in terms of cultural programs, recreational programs, the faculty and staff talent we bring, and the people who will serve on commissions, committees, task-forces, waterfront events, and all of the things that SSU means to this community. We will mean those things as we mean them today to Portsmouth."

Veri said SSU will continue to grow. "We are simply going to get larger; we're going to get more important; and we're going to get larger and more important with your help in the future."

## 'Crossing' fundraising continues with additional donation

GTE North Incorporated of Ohio has pledged a gift of \$30,000 to "Crossing the Threshold," SSU's fundraising campaign.

The gift is a combination of \$15,000 scholarship funding and \$15,000 for televi-

sion production equipment for SSU's media services department.

"We are pleased to be a part of the outstanding commitment made to SSU during the 'Crossing the Threshold' campaign," said Bob Hodgkinson, Portsmouth district manager for GTE telephone operations.

"Our gift provides financial support for individual students as well as television equipment to enhance the media center," Hodgkinson said. SSU's role as a new industry is extremely important to the Portsmouth area, he said.

Hodgkinson said that many of the people attending SSU will shape the future of the community, and that their

knowledge and skills will help attract new business and industry to the area.

He said opportunities provided to students today are critical to the area's future and enhancing the university that is provid-

ing those opportunities will always be important.

"The success of 'Crossing the Threshold' is an important beginning," Hodgkinson said.



Bob Hodgkinson (rear), Portsmouth district manager for GTE telephone operations, shows SSU president Dr. Clive C. Veri equipment GTE donated to the "Crossing" fundraising campaign. SSU Photo

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## Campus Capsules

### 175th features ice cream

An ice cream social and hymn fest will be held at 7 p.m. Aug. 26 and a Colonial worship will be held Sept. 2 as First Presbyterian Church's contribution to the Portsmouth 175th Birthday Celebration.

Jerry Cropper of the church said the Colonial worship was also observed during the city's Sesquicentennial in 1965.

"Old City was organized in 1817, two years after Portsmouth became a town," Cropper said, "thus the church is tied closely to the history of this community."

The Portsmouth 175th Birthday Celebration runs from Aug. 20 to Sept. 3, and is chaired by Dr. A.L. Addington, SSU provost.

## New Beginnings gives students another chance

### Twenty students complete one-year program

By Alice Kimbler  
OA Editor

A new approach to whole language began for Michael Hamilton when he came to SSU's New Beginnings program in April.

Hamilton couldn't read or write. Twice a week he studied with Marion Fischels, his one-on-one tutor.

In the middle of the afternoon, they could be found studying under the trees in front of the business annex.

Hamilton would relate an experience to

his tutor. Fischels would write the experience as a story and then help Hamilton read the story. Hamilton would copy it and later put it on a word processor. Hamilton's story would then become his text.

Now Hamilton can read and write, and is looking forward to continuing his education.

The New Beginnings program was conceived as a way to give women a chance to complete their education.

The program was for mothers between the ages of 18 and 29, but was expanded to make all displaced workers eligible for the program. Most of the participants are from households headed by single females, and are below the poverty level.

The first quarter in the program is devoted to preparation for the high school GED examination.

The next two quarters consist of college level courses.

Many students choose to continue their studies toward a college degree. Half of the original 20 participants successfully completed the one-year program.

### A new beginning

Michael Hamilton could neither read nor write when he entered the New Beginnings program a year ago. His success in the program is shown in the following example of the stories he has written.

#### Almost Hit

On Friday, June 22, 1990, I was in my garage. I was listening to my radio and waiting for the storm outside to die down. It was raining. The wind was blowing, and it was thundering and lightning.

When I came out of the garage, it was not raining anymore. I walked down the sidewalk to go to the back porch. I was in the middle of the sidewalk when I was almost hit (struck) by lightning. I saw the lightning come down at an angle over my head about five feet away from me.

I saw the end of it crack like a whip and I froze in my tracks. I felt the heat from the lightning. It scared me to death.

New Beginnings class members held their Junior prom during winter quarter and went on their Senior trip June 14. This activity culminated the year-long program.

New Beginnings is in the learning center in conjunction with the BASICS program.

The year-long program was funded by Community Action Organization and the Private Industry Council.

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## SEA contract still unsettled

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"Because of the appeal process, SSU agreed to hold off negotiations so we could develop language," he said.

"Now the administration is maintaining that they don't have an obligation to institute or negotiate fair share," Miner said.

"What the administration has done is override a democratic process which took place in February," Miner said.

The SEA team has been meeting at a minimum of two times a week and working hard according to Miner.

Participants on the SEA team are Miner,

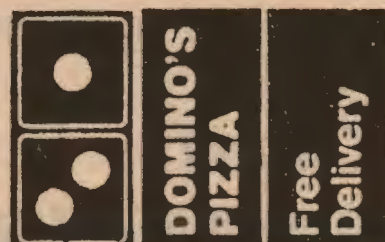
associate professor, sociology and psychology; Bill Penn associate professor, computer-aided drafting and design; John Shupert, professor, mathematics and acting chairman, division of mathematics and science; Larry Essman, associate professor, accounting; Jane Currey, Ohio Education Association UNISERV representative; Gary Gemmer, associate professor, physics; and Jeff Bauer, associate professor, geology.

Elinda Boyles, director of personnel, and Dr. Jim Kadel, dean of College of Health Sciences, are also on the SSU management negotiating team.

## Parents attend success workshop

Parents and school representatives from seven school districts in Scioto County attended the "Training Ohio Parents for Success" workshop recently held at SSU.

The workshop was sponsored by the Scioto County Board of Education and SSU in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Education.



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